(d) how many railway reservation employees and other personnel were caught or found assisting these agents to book reservations and corner the reservations to the disadvantage of genuine passengers during the last three years; and

(e) what steps are being taken to get rid of these agents from Ernakulam Railway Reservation Office and also from the Station premises?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) The year-wise details are as under:

Year	No. of raids date (s)	No. of seized	Tickets value	Persons arrested	Fine realised
			Rs.		Rs.
1992	1 27-10-92	10	2,510	1	..
1993	2 17-2-93 and 20-2-93	..	..	2	1750
1994	.. ..	..	..	..	..
1995	3 24-1-95 28-1-95 and 24-2-95	..	..	3	700

(c) and (d) One Railway employee was arrested in 1992 by Railway Vigilance.

(e) Frequent checks are conducted by special squads of Commercial, RPF and Railway Vigilance to prevent/detect such unauthorised agents at Ernakulam Railway premises and at other places.

Education in the Annual Plan 1994-95 by the Railways

4659. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have reduced an amount of Rs. 300 cr. from the amount sanctioned for the Annual Plan 1994-95?

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what would be its impact on the ongoing Railways project state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Railways' Annual Plan for 1994-95 has been reduced by Rs. 260 cr. due to reduction in procurement of wagons from 18000 to 12000 (in terms of 4-wheelers). The procurement were reassessed on the basis of improved asset utilisation and need based requirement.

(c) The reduction is mainly under Plan Head Rolling Stock and Inventories. There will be no adverse impact on the ongoing Railway's projects.

Introduction of Palace-on-Wheels train

4660. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce the Palace-on-Wheels train to cover Western India region especially Gujarat, Maharashtra and Goa, to attract foreign tourists;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposed Circuit, its salient features and by when it is likely to be introduced; and

(c) what could be the charges and how much time it will take to cover the entire States, separately alongwith the prorata reservation quota to be allocated in each tourist Railway Station?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Following two circuits have been identified in the Western region for launching Palace-on-Wheels type tourist trains having accommodation for 104 Tourists:

(i) Delhi Cantt.-Chittaurgarh-Udaipur - Palitana - Veraval - Ahmedabad - Jaipur - Delhi Cantt. from 1st February, 1995.

(ii) Bombay - Aurangabad Nanded - Secunderabad - Hyderabad-Pune-Bombay tentatively by the close of 1996.

(c) Tariff for the 'Royal Orient' train in Gujarat Sector is US $200 per person per night. Tariff for the second tourist train has not yet been fixed. These circuits will be covered in 7 nights/8 days each. No reservation quota is allocated to the tourist stations as booking of tourists will be done by the Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Ltd. for Royal Orient and by the concerned Tourist Train Operator for the other tourist train.

Amount spent by the Railways on different systems of medicine

4661. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the annual amount spent by the Railways on various systems of medicine, system of medicine-wise;

(b) what are the locations, system of medicine-wise, of the dispensaries funtioning under his Ministry State-wise;

(c) what is the category-wise number of employees working in each of those dispensaries;

(d) whether Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic doctors are getting benefits at par with the Allopathic doctors; and

(e) if not, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (e) The Railway Medical Department functions on Four Tier basis i.e. Zonal, Divisional, Sub-Divisional Hospitals and Health Units levels.

Railways have adopted allopathic system of medicines and created a Network of 122 hospitals and 670 dispensaries on the Indian Railways. However, as staff welfare measure indigenous system of medicines was also introduced under the aegis of staff benefit fund. At present, there are 113 Homoeopathic and 22 Ayurvedic dispensaries functioning on Indian Railways.

Doctors and helpers for indigenous system of medicine are engaged on part-time basis and paid fixed honorarium from Staff Benefit Fund.

Railway Hospitals and Health Units have been provided with full complements of medical and para-medical staff.

A Statement showing the availability of hospitals and dispensaries under different system of medicines Railway-wise, as also the total staff strength working in these dispensaries is enclosed. (*See* below)

During the year 1991-92 a sum of Rs. 122.82 crores were spent on allopathic system of medicines. Rs 13.06 lacs and 2.31 lacs were spent on Homoeopathic and Ayurvedic systems of medicines, respectively.